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☐ Note attached communication from the Examiner

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TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMPUTER-ASSISTED DOCUMENT GENERATION

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-27
4. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
6. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☒ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☒ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

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1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - a. ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - b. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - d. ☒ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- ☒ Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- ☒ Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: The prior art of record, including the U.S. Patent to Hernandez et al., considered as a whole, fails to teach or suggest a computer-assisted documentation system for enhancing or replacing the process of dictating and transcribing in the generation of a document including: means for providing document templates wherein each template consists of text and one or more option-text variables embedded in the text; option-text variable replacement means comprised of option-text storage means for storing a record identifier and character strings within the document template; document processing means comprised of user interface means for displaying character strings which comprise an option-text record associated with an option-text variable, string selection means for selecting one of the character strings to replace the option-text variable, and recording means for recording a pointer indicative of the selected character string; and document generating means for generating a document by replacing the option-text variable with the selected character string. Each of the above option-text variables is associated with an option-text record which is comprised of a plurality of character strings from which one character string will be selected to replace the option-text variable in the respective document template. Newly cited Hernandez et al. patent discloses a method for generating a document utilizing a plurality of windows associated with different

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data objects such as text, graphics, tables, etc. Hernandez et al. does not disclose the display of several options for text insertion into a respective window as in the claimed invention.

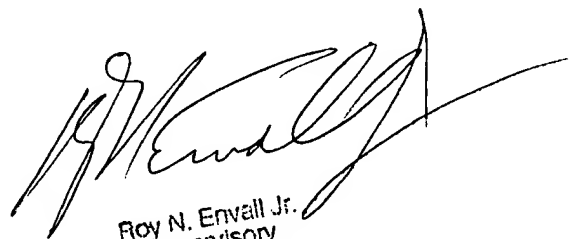
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer L. Hazard whose telephone number is (703) 305-9778.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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